



Saturday September 7, 2019

Dear Shelton Academy families,

Thank you to everyone that came to our Back to School Night on Thursday, it was wonderful to see so many of you at school. Thank you also for your patience with our valet parking procedures; it was close to a miracle to park so many cars without any incidents, but it worked! Thank you. This coming week at Shelton we continue to work on cheerfulness and optimism; the motto for the week is “I encourage someone every day!” and at school we will be writing cards to students who suffered from the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. Along the cards we will send funds to help those in need; please look for more information below on these Family Notes.

- **Picture Day:** this Monday is Yearbook Picture Day at Shelton Academy. We schedule the photo session on a Monday because everyone is at their best in formal attire. You should have received an order form, which is due on picture day. You may also purchase your photos online following this link: <http://www.barquinphotography.com/prepay/>
- **ESOL:** English for Speaker of Other Languages is an extraordinary opportunity offered at Shelton Academy; this is not just a commercial line or a slogan, it is a reality. When a student is placed in the ESOL program you should receive the news as a blessing, and not otherwise. We have noticed that some students see this program as a “therapy” or something “to quickly get out from” instead of a chance to improve their academic skills. In contrast, it is interesting how so many of our teachers have good memories and feel grateful for their days in an ESOL program. Most of Shelton Academy students speak English, but not so many know how to write in correct grammar, with good spelling, or have mastered reading comprehension; and that is the reason why we make the effort to offer the ESOL program at our school. It is not just a remedial program, it does help our students learn how to express themselves in good English, how to write, dialog, understand, and think in the new language. A wonderful opportunity offered to a few, please embrace it as such.
- **Shelton Café:** we are still in the process of renovating the area around the café. Until the job is completed we have a “temporary” offer to get by. In the next few weeks we hope to have the project finished and share with you the new menu. We are also researching means to make payments to the Café through an online check card account.

- **Hurricane Dorian Relief:** during this week homeroom teachers are working with the students on a service project that includes cash donations and letters to students in the area damaged by the hurricane. We are currently in conversations with Catholic Charities of Miami and with Claudia Mariaca, Vice Mayor of the city of Doral; all funds collected at school will be directed to aid the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the most efficient way. We are only accepting monetary donations which you can send with your child on an envelope directed to the homeroom teacher. For other kinds of donations please see attached flyers from both organizations.
- **Parent Student Handbook:** the Parent Student Handbook is posted on the school website. We ask that you please read it with your children. We also request that you sign and send to school the attached Consent Form; forms are collected by the homeroom teachers. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Monday September 9: Yearbook Picture Day. Formal Monday.
 - Thursday September 12: Model United Nations parents meeting at 7:00pm.
 - Tuesday September 17: Trip to Washington D.C. parents meeting at 7:00pm.
 - Friday September 20: Admissions Open House 9:00 to 2:00.

Looking forward to a week filled with optimism and cheerfulness. Sincerely,

Juan Mata
Headmaster